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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJ: AMERICAN YARN SPINNERS ASSN IOGA TRADE MISSION

VIENNA FOR EWTC

1. EMBASSY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO VISIT TO HUNGARY BY YARN SPINNERS ASSN AT ANY TIME DURING PERIOD OCT 28-NOV 6, AS NOV 7 AND 8 HUNGARIA HOLIDAYS. MISSION SHOULD NOT PLAN TO BE IN BUDAPEST ON THOSE DATES.

2. THE HUNGARIAN IMPORTER OF MATERIALS FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY HUNGAROTEX HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING MISSION AND AFTER RECIewing PRODUCT LINES OF MISSION MEMBERS HAVE STATED THAT THERE IS A MODERATE TO GOOD PROSPECT FOR SALES OF SYNTHETIC FIBERS PROVIDED MFN ISSUE IS RESOLVED. HOWEVER, WITHOUT MFN THERE WOULD BE VIRTUALLY NO PROSPECTS FOR DIRECT SALES. HUNGAROTEX ALREADY HAS WELL-DEVELOPED CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN FIRMS MONSANTO AND ALLIED CHEMICAL THROUGH THEIR EUROPEAN SUBSIDIARIES.

3. HUNGARY'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY ITSELF IS WELL DEVELOPED WITH 25-30 PER CENT OF TOTAL OUTPUT EXPORTED. THERE ARE 37 SPINNING MILLS IN HUNGARY, HALF OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN BUDAPEST. DURING THE FOURTH FIVE-YEAR PERIOD (1971-75), 103,000 SPINDLES HAVE BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION WITH AN ADDITIONAL 55,000 DUE TO BECOME OPERATIVE DURING THE REMAINING YEAR AND A-HALF OF THE PLAN. SINCE 1971

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4,500 AUTOMATIC LOOMS HAVE ALSO BEEN PURCHASED. AT THE

PRESENT TIME 55 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S WEAVING MILLS ARE AUTOMATED. SYNTHETIC KNITWEAR NOW COMPRISES 50 PERCENT OF TOTAL OUTPUT IN THE INDUSTRY'S KNITWEAR BRANCH. INDUSTRIAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM HAS RESULTED IN PURCHASE OF CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF SPINNING AND WEAVING MACHINES FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. AND NEW MACHINES WILL HANDLE 40 PERCENT OF FIBER PRODUCTION BY 1980.

4. THE HUNGARIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY RELIES HEAVILY ON IMPORTS OF BASIC MATERIALS. DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC FIBERS IS RELATIVELY SMALL (1972 - 661,000 KILOGRAMS) AND LARGE QUANTITIES ARE PURCHASED FROM WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY WEST GERMANY AND ITALY. WHILE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF COTTON YARN IS RELATIVELY HIGH (1972 - 6.2 MILLION KILOGRAMS), CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF THESE ARE ALSO IMPORTED FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. HUNGARIAN IMPORT STATISTICS:

IMPORTATION OF	1972 (IN KGS)
SYNTHETIC FIBERS, TOTAL:	6 759 700

FROM WHICH

EEC	5 794 600
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CMEA	626 400
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OTHERS	338 700
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COTTON YARNS, TOTAL:	4 427 600
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FROM WHICH

EEC	500
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CMEA	571 100
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OTHERS	3 856 000
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